

REMARKS

Claims 11-18 are pending.

Claims 1-10 have been canceled.

Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 8, 9 and 10 have been rewritten as claims 16, 17 and 18, respectively, so that each of the claims can depend from a previous claim; claim 11.

Claims 12-15 have been amended to depend from claim 11.

In the Examiner's Action, claim 11 was indicated as being allowable, if rewritten in independent form. In response, claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form and all currently pending claims have been made to depend from claim 11.

Also in the Examiner's Action, claim 3 was rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, claims 1, 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b), and claims 2, 3, 6-10 and 12-15 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a). These rejections are deemed moot in view of the present cancellation and rewriting of claims.

Since claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form, claim 11 is considered to be in condition for allowance. Claims 12-18 depend from claim 11 and are considered to be allowable for at least the same reasons.

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If any questions remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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